

ISLAND COUNTY COVID RESPONSE



TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ISLAND COUNTY

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BOCC Brief
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Important Developments this week

- Case rates in Island County continue to rise steeply. There were 200 new cases last week for county residents. The case rate listed below is 334 per 100,000 population. This mirrors dramatic case rate rise throughout WA and the US, primarily connected to the very contagious Delta Variant cases primarily in the unvaccinated population. Island County has reached a statistical case rate that an estimated 1 in every 123 unvaccinated residents got COVID last week. Closing in on 1% of all unvaccinated residents getting sick each week.
- Vaccine uptake is also increasing with more than 600 Island County residents getting their 1st dose last week.
- The State of Washington updated its masking requirement.
 - Washington State Department of Health's guidance for masking can be found at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/ClothFaceCoveringsandMasks>
 - L&I's guidance for businesses can be found at: <https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-164-000.pdf>

the General Face Covering Requirement in the Secretary of Health Order (#20-03.4) is that "Every person in Washington State must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when they are in a place where any person from outside their household is present or in a place that is generally accessible to any person from outside their household" with limited exceptions or exemptions. The exemption for vaccinated people to not wear masks in indoor public places has been removed. The primary exemption to this requirement is when outdoors in a non-crowded setting.

- The FDA announced regular use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine. The CDC's advisory group (the ACIP) and WA state's advisory group will meet next week to do the same. Regular use authorization is anticipated by all groups and is hoped to reduce hesitancy among the unvaccinated population. The Moderna and Johnson vaccines are expected to get regular use authorization in the coming weeks.

Case #'s

AS OF THURSDAY AUGUST 19, 2021...

- Washington State = 542,890 Cases
- Island County = 2687 (+200) Confirmed Cases and 34 (+3) deaths

14 Day Case Rate

Date	N	Population	Rate per 100,000
7/23/2021 – 08/05/2021	176	84,820	207.50
7/30/2021 – 08/12/2021	211	84,820*	248.76
7/30/2021 – 08/12/2021	211	86,350*	244.35
08/6/2021 – 08/19/2021	243	86,350	281.41
08/13/2021-08/26/2021	289	86,350	334.68

*Population updated to align with Washington State Office of Financial Management 2021 estimate. Case rate with the former population estimate is included for ease of comparison

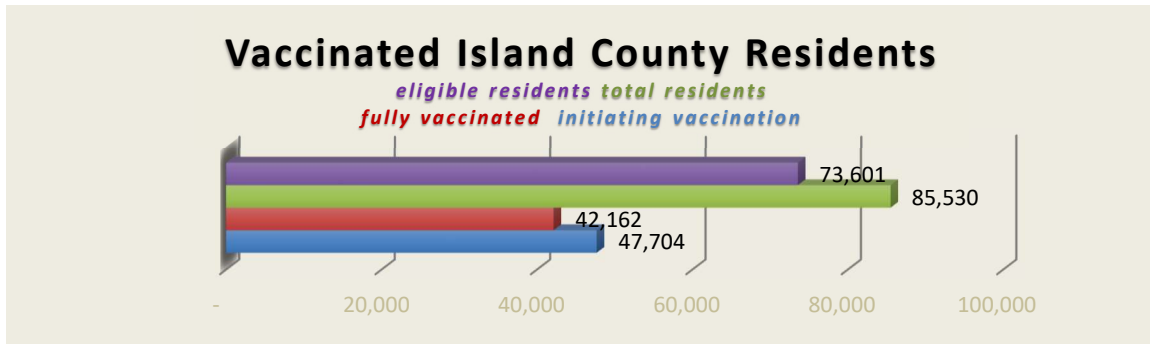
7 Day Hospitalization Rate

Date	N	Population	Rate per 100,000
7/25/2021 – 7/31/2021	7	84,820	8.25
8/1/2021 – 8/7/2021	3	86,350*	3.47
8/8/2021 – 8/14/2021	6	86,350*	6.95
8/15/2021 – 8/21/2021	10	86,350*	11.58

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Where cases have occurred in the last week:

Location	#
Camano Island	65
Clinton	8
Coupeville	10
Freeland	4
Greenbank	3
Langley	3
Oak Harbor	107



- Vaccine primary doses given to Island County residents as reported by the state = 47,704. This is a 600 person increase in the last week.
 - = 64.8% of our county's eligible population (73,601 who are 12+ years old) are vaccinated with at least 1 dose.
 - = 55.8% of our county's total population (85,530) have gotten at least 1 dose.
- 49.3% of our county's total population is fully vaccinated as reported by the state. The state is sending messages to individuals identified in the data as having missed their second vaccination.
- These numbers do not include more than 7,700 people who have been fully vaccinated at NAS Whidbey Island and are likely mostly Island County residents from North Whidbey. Taken together this data suggests vaccination rates for Island County that are under reported by the State by as much as 10%.

Variants and Breakthrough cases:

There are 33 reported variant cases attributed to Island County. They include 32 B.1.1.7 (alpha / UK) cases, 6 P.1 (gamma / Brazil) cases, and 64 B.1.617.2 (delta / India) cases. The latest Variant report (dated August 25, 2021) can be found at

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/data-tables/420-316-SequencingAndVariantsReport.pdf>

The latest WA DOH report (dated August 11, 2021) on COVID-19 breakthrough cases can be found at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/data-tables/420-339-VaccineBreakthroughReport.pdf>

The Island County providers accepting appointments this week are:

Provider	Vaccine Ability			Extra Availability		Walk-Ins
	Vax tool	FB	Website	Evening	Sat. & Sun.	When
Island Drug – OH 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd *** J&J, Pfizer & Moderna	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sat. 10-4:50 Sun.12-2:50	10am-4:50pm Weekdays
Island Drug – Clinton 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd *** J&J, Pfizer & Moderna	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sat. 10-2:50	10am-4:50pm weekdays
Island Drug -La Conner 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd *** J&J, Pfizer & Moderna	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sat. 10-12:50	10am-4:50pm weekdays
Camano Health Systems J&J, Pfizer & Moderna	No	Yes	Yes	No	Sat. 9-3:30	Yes
Rite-Aid – OH Pfizer	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sat. 10-4:30	Yes
Rite-Aid – Freeland Moderna	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sat. 10-4:30	Yes
Saar's J&J, Pfizer & Moderna	No	No	Yes	No	Sat. 9:30-4:45	Yes
Safeway Pfizer & Moderna	No	Yes	Yes	No	10:30-4	Yes
Walmart Pfizer & Moderna	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Sat. 9-7 Sun.10-6	Yes Closed 1:30 – 2:00
Walgreen's – OH Moderna, 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd ***	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sat 10-5:15 Sun 10-5:15	Yes

- *** 3rd vaccines will be given with a completed attestation form. Moderna & Pfizer at Island Drug, Moderna only at Walgreens'.
- All WA citizens (12 and older) are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine.
- Island County residents who are having trouble making vaccine appointments can call the Island County call center at 360-678-2301 and a call taker will assist them to make an appointment. If the caller needs interpreter services, this call center can connect them to those services to help make an appointment

Testing Locations available in or near Island County:

Whidbey Health Medical Clinic

Anyone can be tested, regardless of symptoms, if any. If no symptoms and just wanting “piece of mind” or if the test is need for travel, results are not guaranteed to be in 72hours, a fee of \$150.00 will be charged to each person. For those with more significant symptoms that cannot be managed at home, register for testing, or seek medical attention at the Emergency Room (Medical Center, Coupeville) Whidbey Health Medical Center (Coupeville ONLY)

Advance registration is required to prevent waiting lines, help schedule adequate staff, and manage inventory of PPE and supplies. Referral required if test is requested by a Dr. for: Pre-op, Out-patient surgery, or any other medical procedure. Call [360-240-4055](tel:360-240-4055) *Option 5*, to arrange your appointment or follow the prompt to leave your name, phone number, and birth date, for them to call you back. Drive thru ONLY: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 3:50pm. CLOSED from 1 – 1:30 for Lunch break. PCR testing performed, sent to the lab, and results usually in 3 to 5 days, may take longer with higher volume. They call on Positive test and Negative results can be accessed via the patient portal.

Walgreens

Website: [walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com)

Appointment Required. No Cost. Should have symptoms. Booking is two (2) days out.

Rapid Antigen Test: Oak Harbor- (SKAGIT CO. Anacortes & Burlington) (SNOHOMISH CO. Mukilteo)

PCR Test: (WHATCOM CO.) Bellingham- [4090 Meridian](tel:4090) [Can book no more than 2 days in advance],

(SNOHOMISH CO.) Everett- [2205 Broadway](tel:2205) & Lynnwood- [16824 Hwy 99](tel:16824)

Results – Rapid Antigen – Approx. 24 Hrs. e-mailed (*Not Valid for Travel*)

PCR – Approx. 48 -72 Hrs. e-mailed (*Valid for Travel*)

NAS Health

This is for eligible NAS personnel.

Call the Puget Sound Military Appointing Center @ 800-404-4506

Rite Aid

Website: riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing

Appointment required. Book online. No Cost.

PCR Test: Mount Vernon – 412 E College way.

Results – Approx. 2 – 5 days, e-mailed with all stats *valid* for travel.

Island Drug

NO Testing

Camano Island

Camano Island Health System: Appointment Preferred. (360) 572-2202.

PCR - Approximately 2 to 3 days. **Valid** for travel.

Skagit County: Please check with a Pharmacy or at your Physician clinic.

Island hospital walk-in clinic testing for patients experiencing symptoms in Anacortes.

Northwest Laboratories is offering a Drive thru COVID-19 testing clinic in Burlington.

WWW.testdirectly.com or phone (360) 543-6904

Appointment required. PCR Results - approximately 24 to 48 hours.

Skagit Regional Health testing for patients experiencing symptoms is available at all three [Urgent Care](#) locations; [Mount Vernon](#), [Riverbend](#) and [Smokey Point](#).

Snohomish: Health District website: snohd.org/testing These are drive-through sites in Everett and Lynnwood

Below is a link to guidance for Home testing kits.

[Interim SARS-CoV-2 Self-Testing Guidance \(wa.gov\)](#)

Home testing units are available:

LABCORP

EVERLYWELL

VAULTHEALTH

SALIVA HOME TEST

Labcorp.com

everlywell.com

vaulthealth.com

DXTERTYamazon.com

Home kits are also available at:

Walgreens, Wal-Mart, and Rite Aid.

****Samples collected are unsupervised, report may not be valid for travel.**

Island County Public Health

Is now able to offer COVID-19 PCR EverlyWell home test kit to the qualifying public. Please note this is a resource for Island County residents ONLY For those who are having a hard time locating testing resources. (this includes timely access as well). This is pick-up only at our Camano and Coupeville offices. Please call COVID Call Center at 360-678-2301 to have *qualifying survey* completed. **NOT** VALID FOR TRAVEL. (Unsupervised collection)

Antibody Testing

LabCorp in Oak Harbor does antibody testing only. Appointments are encouraged, but not required.

Labcorp.com

There is a non-refundable service fee of \$10.00 to use *PNWHealth* as the referring Physician. Bring ins. card and ID, test fee of \$42.13 can be billed to your ins.

Testing Locations Updated 08/26/2021